

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
EMERSON, NEW JERSEY
JUNE 19, 2012

This meeting of the Emerson Environmental Commission was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, June 19, 2012. Chairman Browne opened the meeting at 7:30 pm. In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the Clerk has notified all officially published newspapers of this meeting, and notice has been posted in the Municipal Office. In case of a fire, follow the Fire Exit signs above the doors to your right and left in Council Chambers, and please exit calmly.

The Secretary advised the Commission that newly appointed member, Mr. Ron Griffin, is unable to attend this evening's meeting due to a work commitment.

ROLL CALL:

Chairman Thomas Browne – Present
Ms. Margaret Boyce – Present – arrived at 7:40
Mrs. Karen Browne – Present
Mrs. Patricia Dinallo – Present
Mr. Ron Griffin – Absent
Mr. Peter Martin – Absent
Mrs. Emma Ryan – Present
Mr. Tom Reilly – Absent
Mrs. Jean Sagredo – Present – arrived at 7:45
Mrs. Lorraine Zoeller – Absent
Councilman Richard Worthington – Present

MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the meeting held on May 23, 2012 by Mrs. Browne, seconded by Mrs. Dinallo, and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Memo from Mayor Carlos Colina – dated 6/13/12 – Re: Appointment of Mr. Ron Griffin
Memo from Chairman Browne – dated 6/13/12 – Re: Home for the Armenian Aged

PUBLIC SESSION:

A motion was made to open public session by Mrs. Dinallo, seconded by Mrs. Browne, and carried.

Ken Hoffman – 61 Emwood Drive – stated he sent a memo to the DEP with regard to the Armenian Home – outflow pipe, permits for the building / parking lot, and required buffer area. Emerson Woods ditch restoration – Bergen Swan will not be involved with this due to possible liabilities – which is unfortunate. The Shade Tree Commission has commented that some of the plantings at Centennial Park need to be replaced – there may be funds left in the original donation from the Lions Club.

Councilman Scott Rivers – 17 Prospect Avenue – stated to the Commission that you have my full support with regard to Broadway – letters will going out soon to property owners letting them know if they don't remove property off Broadway within 30 days, employees of the DPW will

remove; the proposal of a "passive park" to provide pedestrians with a safer passageway through the nearby portion of Ackerman Avenue, which does not have sidewalks. Councilman Rivers also stated he would like the Commission's input with creating a plan for "passive park", and to come up with a budget. The Commission discussed the use of the Bergen County Sheriff's Office Inmate Labor Program, local Scouts, and grant opportunities. A walk-thru of the area will be on next Tuesday, June 26th at 7 pm.

A motion was made to close public session by Mrs. Browne, seconded by Mrs. Ryan, and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Emerson Woods / United Water properties – dog waste – Mrs. Boyce stated she would like to see a regular cycle for clean up, more garbage containers, and more public awareness about their responsibilities to clean up after their dogs.

Farmers Market – Chairman Browne stated he has a meeting scheduled with Chief Rossi at 5pm on Thursday, June 21st, with regard to his concerns with parking, pedestrian safety at the train station / Emerson Plaza West location, and other possible locations for the market.

NEW BUSINESS:

Environmental Educational Fair – Mrs. Boyce stated she met with Mr. Scarpa and Councilman Worthington – Recreation Commission was acceptable, however, they don't want to give up their sports days – feels we need to get the Board of Education involved.

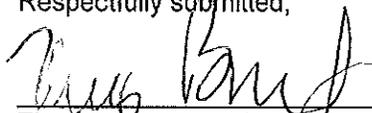
Town garage sale – Mrs. Boyce stated this is done successfully in other towns – the Secretary stated there was a sale of this type a few years ago, and agreed to contact Lucy Solimando, who was involved. This may be a good event to have to tie into Earth / Arbor Day events – Mrs. Sagredo agreed to assist in this event.

ADDED STARTERS: None at this time.

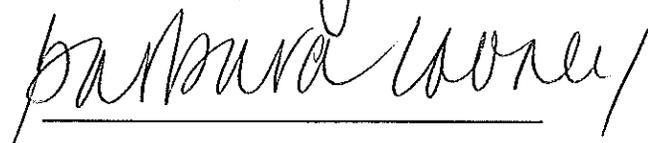
ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Browne, seconded by Mrs. Ryan, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,



 Thomas Browne, Chairman



 Barbara Looney, Secretary